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Re: Our file #32-421 Japan

Dear Thelma:

We have received word from our Japanese agents that the above-identified Japanese patent application will probably receive favorable attention by the Japanese Patent Office, provided we send some additional information to them. The Examiner's comments can best be seen from the attached English translation of the same, with the first reason involving a requirement for a numerical example with specific conditions set forth therein. The example can be made up from the detailed generic expression in the present specification or from a separate experiment and should, apparently, specifically recite the number of grams per tobacco leaf, the addition of certain reagents and certain amounts, treatment at specified temperatures, etc.

The second reason set forth is to the effect that the definition of temperatures appearing in the original Japanese claim 1 are tied in too closely with the behavior of the alkaloid or the alkaloid phase. The Examiner would like some description or practical range of temperature to be inserted in the body of the specification, so that one could interpret the range of the temperatures in the claim, if no temperature is to be specifically set forth in the claim.

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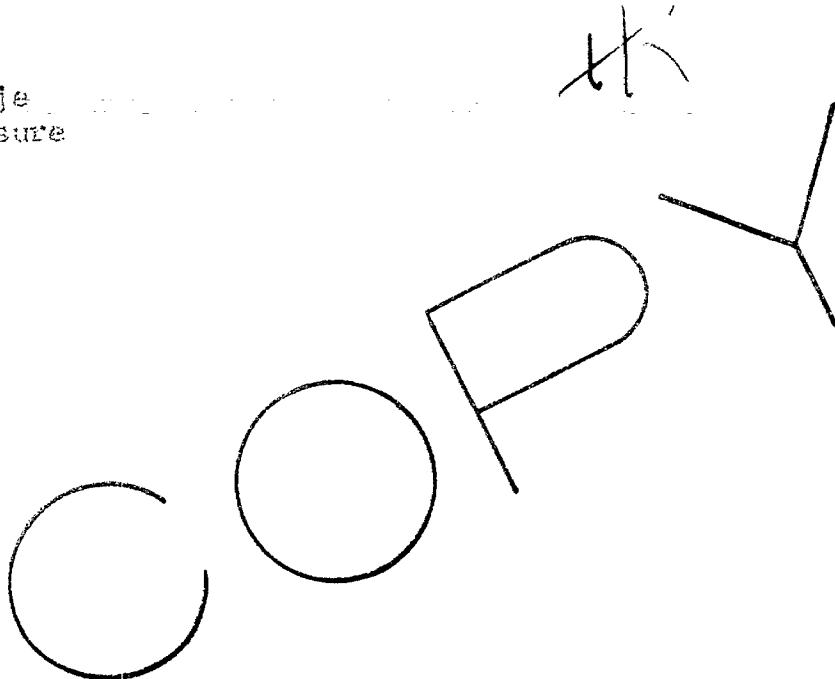
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May we have your comments with regard to this
at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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